HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA APRIL 8, 2024

The following item(s) of business will be discussed, and possible action taken in a meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court to be held on Monday APRIL 8, 2024. The workshop will begin at 9:00 A.M. in the 2nd floor County Conference Room. Court will recess and reconvene at 10:00 A.M. in the 3rd Floor County Court Room. Please see below for meeting location details.

Location: Howard County Courthouse

300 S. Main St

Big Spring, TX 79720

Announcement: Anyone intending to address the Commissioners' Court shall complete and turn in the designated form to the County Judge. Please Silence All Cellphones

WORKSHOP - 9:00 AM:

Location: Judges Conference Room (2nd Floor of County Courthouse)

- 1. Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Request for Qualifications Related to Howard County Library

Call to Order: REGULAR SESSION - 10:00 AM:

Location: 3rd Floor County Court Room (3rd Floor of County Courthouse)

Citizen input for those registered to make comments-

- 2. Judge Johnson, Howard County Judge
 - a. Presentation & Acceptance of County Officials Monthly Reports
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Second Chance Act Pay for Success Program Grant
- 3. Sharon Adams, County Treasurer
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Personnel Considerations
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Payroll Report (March)
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: TAC HEBP 2023 Employer Rewards Check
- 4. Jackie Olson, County Auditor
 - a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report
 - b. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Invoices
 - c. Discussion / Possible Action: Approve Purchase Requests
 - d. Discussion / Possible Action: Budget Amendment
- 5. Stan Parker, County Sheriff
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Extension of Food Service Agreement
- 6. Brent Zitterkopf, County Clerk
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Monthly Reports
- 7. Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer
 - a. Discussion / Possible Action: Roadway Maintenance Update
 - b. Presentation / Possible Action: Permission to Purchase Shredders
- 8. Discussion of Law Enforcement Radio System and take any necessary action.
- 9. Opportunity for mention of any items to be on the future agendas.

Attest:

Randy Johnson Howard County Judge Phone. 432-264-2203 Fax. 432-264-2238

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAP. 551, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MAY CONVENE A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS. IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ANY CLOSED SESSION, THE SPECIFC SECTION OR SECTIONS OF GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAP. 551 THAT PROVIDES STATUTORY AUTHORITY WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 8th day of April, A.D. 2024 the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in Workshop @ 9:00 AM and in Regular Session at 10:00 AM with RANDY JOHNSON, County Judge as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: EDDILISA RAY, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, CASH BERRY, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, JIMMIE LONG, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 and DOUG WAGNER, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

The Workshop was called to order @ 9:02 AM

Judge Johnson called the Workshop in order to determine how the Court would like to move forward concerning the renovation of the Library. The Court discussed further the actual needs for the Library and the various options of how to proceed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Ray to reject any responses to the Request of Qualifications related to the Howard County Library. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The Court plans to have a Special Called Meeting on April 15, 2024 to meet with Southlake Group Design Building and Construction Management of Keller, TX.

Court recessed @ 10:00 AM to move to Regular Session.

Court reconvened @ 10:08 AM in Regular Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to accept the County Officials Monthly Reports as presented by Randy Johnson, County Judge. Those reports are as follows: Angela Griffin, JP1-1 for March 2024; Mike Averette, JP1-2 for March 2024; Kandi Campbell, JP2-1; Chad Coburn, County Extension Agent for March 2024; Casey McPherson, County Extension Agent for March 2024; Commissioner Court Minutes for March 25, 2024; Commissioner Court Minutes (Public Notice of Quorom) for March 26, 2024; Commissioner Court Minutes for April 3, 2024; County Auditor's Monthly Report for February 2024. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Stephanie Tran from the Sheriff's Office, presented the Second Chance Act Pay for Success Grant Program designed to assist those with mental health transition from jail into the community and the possibility of Howard County being able to get that grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to give permission to seek the Second Chance Act Pay for Success Program Grant as presented by Stephanie Tran. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the Personnel Considerations as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Long to accept the Treasurer's Monthly Payroll Report for March 2024 as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to accept the Texas Association of Counties Health and Benefits Pool Wellness Program check in the amount of \$2240 as presented by Sharon Adams, County Treasurer. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to approve the Invoices as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Purchase Requests as presented excluding the request from the Library for magazines from Overdrive and including the Budget Amendment needed for \$1775 to offset the Elections purchase of archive books from Merriman as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to approve the Budget Amendments as presented by Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the Amendment to the Food Services Agreement between the Howard County Jail and Trinity Services Group, Inc. as presented by Stan Parker, County Sheriff. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Berry to accept the County Clerk's Monthly Report for March 2024 as presented by Brent Zitterkopf, County Clerk. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator, gave roadway maintenance updates. He reported that RAP hauling has been completed. In addition, he will be taking some employees to training in Reeves County on May 29 & 30, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the purchase of Emulsion @ approximately \$20,000 as requested by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. No paperwork provided to the Clerk. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Berry to allow the purchase of Shredders, using the Lateral Road line item, as requested by Brian Klinksiek, County Road Administrator. No paperwork provided to the Clerk. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the Purchase Request for magazine subscriptions from Overdrive @ \$2000 from the Library as presented by the Library. A vote was taken and the members of the Court unanimously voted "AYES". Motion carried.

The following items were mentioned for future agenda items:

- There will be a Special Meeting on April 9, 2024
- Cameron Walker will be here for the April 22, 2024 meeting concerning the Subdivision Rules
- Judge received information from TAC concerning confidentiality for courts and will have more information at a future meeting
- Decision needs to be made about whether or not the County will continue to retain the minerals when selling any County owned property

Court was adjourned @ 11:13 AM.

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD

I, Brent Zitterkopf, Howard County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court authorized proceedings for April 8, 2024.

Brent Zitterkopf, Howard County Clerk

Clerk of the Commissioners Court

Howard County, Texas